

J. David Donahue, Commissioner Indiana Department of Correction



J. David Donahue was appointed Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Correction by Governor Mitchell E. Daniels Jr. January 2005. Commissioner Donahue has 25 years experience in corrections including service with the Federal Bureau of Prisons, local government and private corrections. He started his career as a corrections officer in 1980 and has held several management positions throughout his tenure.

He was assigned to several facilities throughout the country having served as warden of two institutions. In the early 1990s Donahue became an auditor for the American Correctional Association (ACA) and routinely assists governmental jurisdictions on corrections and criminal justice issues. Donahue is committed to progressive, professional and efficient government. He is a well-respected professional who has a broad range of experience.

A native of Bardstown, Kentucky, Donahue received his Bachelor's Degree in Police Administration and Criminal Justice from Eastern Kentucky University and graduate course work at Spaulding University. Donahue has maintained professional memberships with national corrections associations and has also served as Public Safety Director for the City of Barbourmeade in Jefferson County, Kentucky.

He is married to Jan Caffee Donahue and they have three children.